

Plum Point Middle School: in Huntingtown, Calvert County, exhibits enthusiasm and strength which grows from school-wide philosophy that considers each member valuable and every minute important. Students are encouraged to participate in a variety of educational and extracurricular activities. Over 75 percent of its students are involved in after-school activities. The school has been county athletic champion 13 times in various sports. Over 20 percent of the teaching staff have been award winners—including Maryland's 1999 Teacher of the Year, Rachael Younkens.●

RECOGNITION OF CLAIRE HOWARD

● Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Ms. Claire Howard of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania who will serve as President of the USA Council of Serra International next year. This is a most noteworthy accomplishment, as she is the first woman ever to serve in this high capacity. I would like to insert the following article into the RECORD, which was printed in the Allentown Diocese Times on August 3, 2000:

Claire Howard of Bethlehem was installed as President-Elect by United States Serra clubs at the annual Serra International Convention in Kansas City. She will serve a one-year term as President-Elect on the USA/Canada Council Board. In 2001, she will become the first woman President of not only the USA Council, but also the first in Serra International's 65-year history.

As President-Elect of the USA Council (USAC) of Serra International, a worldwide organization that works to foster and promote Catholic religious vocations, she will work closely with the national staff and local Serra clubs, and assist the president as needed. She also serves as a liaison with the council's 13 standing committees.

"I'm looking forward to making sure we all really commit ourselves to the ministry of building up the body of Christ through our Serran work," Howard said.

A charter member of the Serra Club of Bethlehem, Howard has served two years as club President. An active member over the years, she has served on almost all the standing committees.

Her future seat as president is not Howard's only "first" in Serra International; she has trail-blazed the way for women in Serra for years, ascending steadily through the ranks of the organizational structure. In 1993, she was the first woman to serve as District Governor of Serra International and in 1994 became the first regional representative (again the first woman) of Region 3 of the then newly formed USA/Canada Council of Serra International.

She has chaired USACC's Meetings and Conventions Committee, which is responsible for coordination of the fall regional conventions in the 13 regions of the United States and Canada. In recent years she has served as USA Council Vice President for the Membership and Programs committees.

For the past six years, she has been the Coordinator of the Serra Clubs of the Allentown Diocese's "Life/Vocation Awareness Weekend," working closely with diocesan Director of Vocations the Rev. Francis A. Nave. The weekend offers any adult who would like to explore the possibilities of entering the priesthood or a religious order a

time of reflection, prayer and interaction with priests and religious [leaders].

Howard was also appointed by the Most Rev. Edward P. Cullen, D.D., Bishop of Allentown, to be the Serran representative for the Allentown Diocese Vocation Recruitment Committee.

An active member of St. Anne Church, Bethlehem, she serves as a Eucharistic minister, lector and coordinator of the adult Bible study group. Howard's community work includes active membership in Morning Star Rotary; sustaining membership in the Junior League of the Lehigh Valley; Bethlehem Palette Club; and Bethlehem Quota Club.

She works as a full-time associate real estate broker with RE/MAX 100 Real Estate of the Greater Lehigh Valley. She is married to John J. Howard Jr., and they have three grown children. They divide their spare time between a small home in Orlando, Fla. and a season home in Stone Harbor, N.J.

The USA Council was formed officially June 1, 1994, as a national council for all Serra clubs in the United States and originally included clubs in Canada. The USA Council represents Serra International in the United States and is committed to its mission.

As Serra International is the lay vocations arm of the church, the council's mission is to foster and affirm vocations to the ministerial priesthood and vowed religious life in America, and through this ministry, further their members' common Catholic faith.

The council's primary purpose is to establish communication links between the Catholic Church hierarchy, Serra clubs and local Serrans to effectively distribute information, coordinate vocations programs and activities, and promote membership growth in the two countries. There are 12,585 Serrans in 313 Serra clubs in more than 100 dioceses in the United States.

Serra International, founded in 1935 in Seattle, Washington, is a Catholic membership organization of lay men and women who work to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life while developing their Catholic identity. There are more than 22,000 Serrans organized into 732 clubs in 35 countries throughout the world.●

RECOGNITION OF MS. SUE DILLON, FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF TAIL'S END FARM ANIMAL RESCUE

● Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, it is at this time that I would like to recognize Ms. Sue Dillon for her efforts as founder and president of Tail's End Farm Animal Rescue. Ms. Dillon started this organization to save horses from going to slaughter and focused on finding them good homes.

In 1993, she realized that there were no organizations or facilities in Pennsylvania to accommodate homeless farm animals needing shelter. Consequently, in order to save the lives of these animals, Ms. Dillon decided that she would take on the challenge of providing a safe haven for these animals. In 1996, she discovered that she needed to turn her facility into a full-scale, no-kill, animal facility. She obtained a non-profit status, the correct licences and opened her doors to cats, dogs, and any other homeless animals.

Although Ms. Dillon has volunteers to run the farm, help with adoption, and other facets of the operation, she

remains to be a huge part of the Rescue. She continues to be actively involved with the everyday operations of the organization.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Sue Dillon in taking the lead to provide a safe haven for many of these animals. She is an exemplary citizen, and I applaud her efforts on this issue.●

RECOGNITION OF HOT PINK PITTSBURGH DANCE RECITAL

● Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the fundraiser Hot Pink Pittsburgh, a collaboration of Family Health Council and Pink Ribbons Project Dancers in Motion Against Breast Cancer, which will increase the awareness of breast cancer, its treatment and prevention. The event will raise funds to provide essential health care services to a growing number of uninsured women in Pennsylvania.

Hot Pink Pittsburgh will take the stage of the Byham Theater on October 2, 2000 to showcase performers and increase community awareness and appreciation. Dancers from the Pittsburgh Ballet Theater, Dance Alloy, Shona Sharif African Dance and Drum Ensemble and Hope Stone Dance as well as members of the Pittsburgh Symphony will donate their performances for the benefit.

This event will help Family Health Council provide annual exams, breast and cervical cancer screening and health education. Early detection and treatment gives women their best chance of breast cancer survival, while cervical cancer is preventable with screening and treatment.

Family Health Council, founded in 1971, serves more than 100,000 women and their families in western Pennsylvania every year. As a non-profit organization you provide gynecological and obstetric care; breast and cervical cancer screening; comprehensive nutrition services; nationally recognized teen pregnancy prevention resources; domestic and international adoption; and applied research in women's health. Family Health Council also administers a network of more than 20 community-based health care organizations. Your organization is supported by patient fees, private and public grants, and individual gifts.

I commend the efforts of the Family Health Council and Pink Ribbon Project Dancers in Motion Against Breast Cancer as well as those so dedicated to increasing the awareness of breast cancer, its treatment and prevention.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:00 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate: